

OFFERING FRANCE

One Alabama County to Raise \$7,000 for Those That Lost Homes in War.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 25.—The same spirit which prompted our boys to France to do their bit and do it well, as it could be done, is working among the women of Montgomery, Ala., in their campaign to raise \$7,000 for the American committee for devastated France.

The committee, headed by Mrs. Thomas N. Owen, has enlisted the services of the society matrons and debutantes for a series of teas and vaudeville performances to be given during the next two weeks, and promises to make the campaign a success.

Mr. M. H. Fisher, chief representative of the Southern division of the American committee for devastated France, is in Montgomery this week, working with the local committee and advising the arrangements for the various events which will feature the campaign.

One of the most important events taking place in connection with the campaign will be a vaudeville show to be given soon by the Junior League for Women's Service. Miss B. C. Evans, president of the league, and its members are most enthusiastic over the work the league is doing for the campaign.

The women's motor corps of the National League for Women's Service also is aiding in the campaign. "I have never seen women more enthusiastic over any movement than the women of Montgomery are over this movement to relieve suffering in France," said Mrs. Frank Lockwood, president of the motor corps.

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Bullish Fever Shows No Indication of Subsiding and Further Advance Made.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 20. Bullish fever seems to have no notion of subsiding and prices today jumped about \$1 a bale without arousing any resistance of consequence and naturally stimulated predictions of 30 cents for the fall months before the tide turns. There was some unfavorable weather to help the cause, while reports from the goods markets are optimistic. Advice from Europe seem to encourage expectations of peace terms signed before long, which stimulates buying. The case with which profits are absorbed and the small effect on values leaves no doubt as to the strength of the situation, and caution has long since been cast to the winds, although it cannot be said that the rise in cotton prices is not due to the technical position is perhaps weaker than it was, yet spots and futures are keeping in close enough alliance to obviate many dangers which normally attend so rapid an advance.

Liverpool's market due this morning and there was no disposition in that direction to attempt to withhold prevailing level of values. Before closing, however, the foreign market reacted some and finished barely steady at net loss of 20 to 15 points.

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